Statement-II

Price control measures through allocations of food grains under TPDS to States/UTs and strengthening of the TPDS.

1. **Allocations of food grains under TPDS**:

Government of India implements TPDS under which food grains at subsidized prices are distributed in all States/UTs as given below:

I) BPL/AAY allocation norms

- Allocation of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is made for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 or the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by State Government, *whichever is less*.

- Accordingly, allocations of foodgrains for BPL and AAY categories are made @ 35 kg. per family per month for all accepted 6.52 crore families in the country. The total BPL including AAY allocations made during 2009-10 has been 276.77 lakh tons comprising 181.05 lakh tons of rice and 95.72 lakh tons of wheat.

II) APL allocation

- Allocations under APL category are made depending upon the availability of stocks of food grains in Central Pool and past offtake. Due to declining stock position of food grains in the Central Pool, allocations of wheat and rice to States/UTs under APL category were rationalized on the basis of past offtake and availability food grains in the Central Pool. Presently, these allocations range between 10 kg and 35 kg per family per month in different States/UTs.

- During 2009-10, a quantity of 190.20 lakh tons of foodgrains have been allocated to States/UTs under APL category as against 112 lakh tons during 2008-09. This includes the following additional allocations made to augment availability of food grains in the States/UTs with a view to keep prices under control.

(i) A total quantity of 2.65 lakh tons of wheat at MSP based price and 1.70 lakh tons of rice at MSP derived issue price allocated from April 2009 to September 2009 to various States/ UTs as adhoc/ additional/festival allocations.

(ii) Allocations for drought relief:

- A total quantity of 7.63 lakh tons comprising 6.18 lakh tons of wheat and 1.45 lakh tons of rice have been issued at MSP based/derived price as drought relief for APL families in 12 drought affected States from September to December 2009.